

member of the Assembly rides to Jefferson City on the pass so mysteriously furnished him, he has unwittingly placed himself at the mercy of the lobby, no matter if he never uses the pass again. The only hope for escape at this stage of the game is for him to refuse to draw the name allotted him by law and then openly defy the lobby, for he can do this without the lobby knowing it, and if he draws the mileage allowed him by law, as all members do, this fact will be brought to his attention at some convenient time by an emissary of the lobby, and he will be threatened with exposure if he fails to do its bidding.

The men who have the courage to stand up and fight for the people under such circumstances are few—in fact there is no record in Missouri of such an event. The chances are that the victim, believing that all is lost, will soon become a part of the chattels of the lobby and serve it so faithfully as to win the contumely of his constituents long before his term ends.

When the lobby fails to catch a new member in the method described, an effort will be made during the session to induce him to ask free transportation for some member of his family, if possible, or some friend, and then this club, if he accepts the bait, is ever after held over his head.

Failing to catch the victim in the first two traps named, an effort will next be made to induce him to apply for a thousand mile ticket through the lobby. If he does so he will receive it, and he will never be asked to pay for it if he happens to make use of it, for this latter act will afford some leverage for the lobby to get him within its clutches.

These are only a few of the methods resorted to by the railroad lobby, which infests Jefferson City at every session of the Legislature, to strangle legislation. It has gained strength from year to year, and extended its ramifications to include many subjects of legislation entirely foreign to railroad corporations. It has grown bolder and more defiant from one session to another, until of late years it has been able in many instances to dictate all legislation.

The Democrats will be in complete control of both branches of the new Legislature. It is no secret that the railroads combined with the Republicans and Democratic assistant Republicans in a most desperate attempt to dislodge the Democrats from power in Missouri, and yet the railroad lobby will be on hand at Jefferson City a day or two before the Assembly convenes and attempt to dictate the organization and pack the important committees for the purpose of defeating all legislation calculated to curb the greed of corporations. One can think that the railroad lobby would not dare to show its head in an Assembly controlled by a party whom it tried by all fair and foul means to defeat. But the Missouri railroad lobby was never noted for modesty. It will be present when the Assembly convenes and remain until to adjourn, and the fact is established just how many members have proved true and how many false to their constituents.

THE COTTON CROP.

The Average Yield This Year and Total of 1898.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—The December returns to the statistical division of the Department of Agriculture shows a considerable improvement in the condition of the cotton crop as compared with the department's last report. This applies especially to North Carolina, Florida, and Georgia, where the conditions have been favorable to maturity of the top crop. Many reports say the yield has exceeded expectation, on account of the dry fall following the maturation of the late crop. From the reports it appears that some damage to the top crop in Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas. The weather was unusually dry, and the cotton has been excellent for gathering the crop. The total reported yield by States, as compared with last year, is as follows:

Alabama, 116; Arkansas, 112; Florida, 113; Georgia, 110; Indian Territory, 113; Louisiana, 120; Mississippi, 112; Missouri, 120; New Mexico, 107; Oklahoma, 120; South Carolina, 106; Tennessee, 113; Virginia, 118. The general average is 116.2.

The department's final estimate of the crop of 1898 is 1,000,000 bales, and the total of the movement from each State is as follows:

Alabama, 663,916; Arkansas, 520,880;

Florida, 172,572; Georgia, 167,577; Indian Territory, 63,666; Kansas, 132; Louisiana, 172,584; Mississippi, 1,018,358; Missouri, 11,816; North Carolina, 287,762; Oklahoma, 14,103; South Carolina, 113; Tennessee, 112; Texas, 1,066,357; Utah, 103; and Virginia, 7,064 bales. Total crop, 7,181,984 bales.

PEORIA CONFERENCE.

Complaints Against Chicago Drainage Canals to Be Aired.

PEORIA, Ill., Dec. 10.—Many delegates are arriving to attend the Illinois Valley Conference this afternoon to take action in reference to the grievances against the trustees of the Chicago Drainage District, and to have the same corrected. There will be a full representation of seventy-five gentlemen from twenty-three cities and towns.

E. J. Ward of Marseilles, who was assistant engineer of the sanitary district for five years, is to take an active part in the proceedings, and he has many maps and charts upon the walls of the City Council chamber, where the conference is to be held. He charges that no more than 125,000 cubic feet per minute can be discharged through the drainage canals, and that a minimum of 300,000 required by law; that no provision is made to protect Jones from an overflow of water, with fixed bridge twenty-two feet above the water navigation will be blocked.

FORMAN'S CHANCES.

They Are Considered Very Slim at the Present Time.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 10.—The friends of W. S. Forman of Illinois believe now that he cannot be confirmed. A quiet poll of the Senate reveals such strong opposition that it is said the President has been asked to withhold his nomination as long as possible. Senator Palmer is actively working for Forman, but the opposition will not have him.

Stephen C. Woodson, the banker goldbug of St. Joseph, who is after the Post-office, called on Senators Cockrell and Vest to ascertain if possible whether they would oppose him if he was nominated. He received no satisfaction, but the nomination of Postmaster Atkinson did not exalt him until Jan. 1.

The recess appointment of President Roosevelt to the confirmation of Postmaster Atkinson of Alaska will probably defer his confirmation.

FATAL PRAIRIE FIRE.

Parents Were Away and Children Burned to Death.

GUTHRIE, Okla., Dec. 10.—The chieftain of the Seminole Nation, were burned to death by a prairie fire, while Mr. and Mrs. Biedow, were away from home. The children, a boy and a girl, aged 12 and 14 years, took refuge in the cellar when flames surrounded their home. The prairie fire had burned with the children beneath.

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Black Beaver Jackets—straight high fronts—large buttons—large storm collar—all right. All sizes.

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Handsome Rough Boucle Jackets that haven't been in the department a week. All sizes, and all you want.

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Golf Capes worth \$7.50

Just the thing to slip on and run down town or for travelling.

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Ladies' Suits worth \$6.50

Black and Navy Blue Cloth Suits—stylish and good for these mild days. All sizes.

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Separate Skirts worth \$4.00

Good Black Brilliantine Skirts, rustle-lined and velvet bound, all lengths—about 20 all told.

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Flannelette Wrappers worth \$1.25

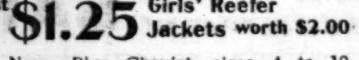
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Navy Blue Cheviot—sizes 4 to 10 years—great.

Many Others at Equally Low Prices. Don't Forget Our Great Sale of Furniture and Toys on Third Floor and Its Christmas Gift Bargain Possibilities.

GIFTS that never come amiss are quoted at amazingly little prices at **EMBROIDERY DEPARTMENT**.

Point Applique Bureau Sets (4 pieces)—a Scarf 54x18 inches and 3 Small Mats to match in all White, Pink, L. Blue and Old Gold.

Complete Set, 98c instead of \$1.50.

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MR. HARMON'S ANNUAL REPORT.

WORK OF THE LAW DEPARTMENT REVIEWED.

SOME NOTABLE SUGGESTIONS.

Need for Legislation Pointed Out for Better Protection of Government's Interests.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Attorney-General Harmon in his annual report to Congress expresses his satisfaction at the results, so far as obtained, of the new salary system which displaced the old fee system on July 13 of the present year. The returns, he says, afford striking evidence of the wisdom of the course so long advocated, which removes the public service from some of the common temptations to extravagance and abuse. A large reduction is shown in every one of the items which would naturally be affected by the fee system. The fees for United States Marshals will show a reduction for the year of about \$40,000. The fees for the Commissioner of Patents, \$21,300; fees of witnesses, \$10,000; fees of clerks, \$4,900; salaries and expenses of district attorneys, \$192,002. The report shows that although there was an increase in the number of trials and number of cases docketed by the United States Supreme Court there was an increase of \$3 in the cost.

The dockets at the close of the last term show a decrease of 107 cases. At the end of the October term 1894 there remained 400 cases, and upon the original docket seven cases, making a total of 64. The number of cases docketed during the October term 1895, of which 282 were on the appellate and four on the original docket, making the total 300 cases. The docket at the close of the term, 1,032, of which 1,022 were on the appellate and eleven on the original docket. Of this the two cases were disposed of during the October term 1895, of which 282 were on the appellate and five on the original docket. In the total cases actually considered the total cost was \$74.

The Attorney-General points out two defects in the criminal laws which, in his opinion, call for attention of Congress. The first is, "that it is unnecessary and unconstitutional to confine our criminal legislation to special cases." The consequence is that it is often difficult to ascertain which law or laws have been violated in the case in hand. Cases arise which ought to be covered by the law, but are not, and which are covered by other laws, and the degrees of punishment not determined by any difference in criminality but merely by the fact that the various laws relating to the specific instances of the offense drafted by different men and passed at different times. There is a general statute punishing all felonies, and many special statutes punishing members in particular cases, and I cannot understand why it has not been settled whether the general statute applied to such cases or not. There are statutes punishing frauds on the United States in many states, and a general statute punishing conspiracy to defraud the United States in all cases; but there is no general statute punishing frauds on the United States when committed by one man alone. I think that a new crime should be created, and that it should be possible, which should contain provisions simple, easily understood, and general in their application, such as those above stated; that the law should be provided; and that a cause arising in the future, the present law relating thereto should be repealed. This work could be easily and quickly performed by a commission.

The increasing repugnance on the part of juries to inflict the death penalty, in connection with the fact that the law makes no death penalty, leads to the entire acquittal of persons charged with capital crimes in cases where the proof is not clear beyond a reasonable doubt for the purpose of conviction for murder, but obliges the court to charge that they do not permit a conviction for murder. The danger to society can be at least mitigated by the establishment by statute of different degrees of homicide, with corresponding appropriate grades of punishment. Juries will not then be confronted with the death penalty, or with the question of the death penalty, unless they are acquited in cases where they think the accused guilty of murder, but not deserving of the death penalty.

The second defect is the unfortunate result of the present law governing writs of habeas corpus, which, in the Circuit Court in criminal cases, leads to the entire acquittal of persons charged with capital crimes in cases where the proof is not clear beyond a reasonable doubt for the purpose of conviction for murder, but not deserving of the death penalty.

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Battle With a Vicious Tramp.

GREENVILLE, Ill., Dec. 10.—A hard battle was fought between the engineer and fireman of a through freight on the Chicago & Rock Island road and a vicious tramp who was stealing a ride.

The tramp seriously wounded both trainmen and was shot dead in Schobell's store and in the other places where the bad money has been passed.

NEGRO IS CHARGED WITH PASSING THE COINS IN ST. LOUIS.

PROTESTS HIS INNOCENCE.

The Coin Is Made From a Die and Is Well Finished, but Is Not Especially Dangerous.

Douglas Robinson, colored, occupies a cell at the Central Police Station waiting for a United States Marshal to take charge of him. He is charged with passing counterfeit coins.

Two of his victims called at the Four Courts Thursday morning and identified him.

Robinson is thought to be merely a distributor of the coin. He was arrested on complaint of Frank Jackson, a grocer at 211 South Fourteenth street. He drove a delivery wagon for L. Moore, a confectioner at Fifteenth street and Chouteau avenue. During Thanksgiving afternoon Robinson went to Jackson's store, as the last customer, and while there he sold him \$1.00. Robinson gave him what appeared to be a \$5 gold piece. Jackson gave him \$4.95 in change. The teller at Jackson's said it was not until the following Wednesday evening, Dec. 9, that Robinson was arrested.

The young woman clerk at Schobell's Franklin avenue store says that the negro, who makes her candies, is Kaine, who has his own business at 211 Olive street, and at Twelfth street and Franklin avenue. She identified Robinson as the negro who had passed him a counterfeit \$5 gold piece on him Thanksgiving evening.

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The coin is made with a die and is of fair wood workmanship. It is thought to be composed of a mixture of silver and brass with another alloy.

The coin is not very good, but the weight is not sufficient to prove it as good money.

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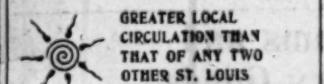
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FIRST OF ALL:

THE NEWS!**AMUSEMENTS TO-NIGHT.**CENTURY—"Prisoner of Zenda."
FOURTEENTH STREET—"Eight Bells."
OLYMPIC—E. M. and J. Holland.
HAGAN—Continues.

HOPKINS—"Contingencies."

HARLINS—"Wheeler's Courtship."

STANDARD—Weber and Field's "Vanderbilts."

MATINEES TO-MORROW.

HAGAN—Continues.

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BRYAN'S ENORMOUS VOTE.

It is perfectly clear, in the light of the returns, that practically all the reserve vote which came out at the late election went to Bryan.

In spite of the defection of the Boltocrats and the power of consolidated wealth for the corruption of election officers, his vote was the largest ever cast for any Democratic candidate. It is \$41,239 greater than that cast for Cleveland in 1882 and Cleveland's vote in that year was 218,000 greater than he polled in 1882 and 650,000 greater than he polled in 1884.

Bryan's vote this year is also greater than was ever polled by any Republican candidate, except McKinley. It is 1,180,000 greater than that polled by Harrison in his victorious campaign of 1888, and nearly twice as great as that polled for Grant in the flood-tide of Republican party supremacy, being 6,498,857, as compared with 3,597,070.

MAKE A RECORD.

President Bush may appoint a white-washing committee to investigate the charges made against members of the School Board. Nobody will expect him to do otherwise. But none the less will the investigation afford a splendid opportunity for work.

Investigating committee must sit down. It must summon all the witnesses whose names may be certified by the prosecution, as well as those to it by the defense. The investigation cannot be hurried.

The Huelman affidavit can be made to go to much further.

The operations of the gang, the majority of whom should insist upon their rights, and it should be noted that every step taken is made a matter of record. Such a record can be used to condemn the wrong, no matter what a whitewashing committee may do. If the committee goes against the record, so much the worse for the committee. The record will stand.

And it will be used as an appeal to public opinion and as a lever to move the Legislature to legislative reform of the School Board.

Make a record. The people will do the rest.

WHAT WE ARE COMING TO.

Postmaster-General Wilson urges that a necessity of true civil service reform is the securing of fixity of tenure for all officers serving under the law and holding by commission of the Civil Service Board.

The position is incontrovertible. Fixity of tenure is indispensable to any merit system of appointment. But fixity of tenure is not permanency of tenure. It is not life tenure. It is, on the contrary, the opposite of life tenure or permanent tenure in that it fixes the limitation of an official term. Under such a merit system as was contemplated in the Chicago plan, every Federal officer, holding under the civil service law, would be commissioned for a fixed term. One term, however, would not disqualify him from re-examination for another. Every citizen, the law as well as the out, would stand on an equal footing before the boards.

Such fixity would prevent that demoralizing thing known as "a clean sweep." New men would find their way into the public service gradually, but none the less surely. The lines of exclusive privilege would be broken and the public service would be improved by emulation

between the outswimmers wanting to get in and the inns not wanting to go out.

And that is what the country is coming to. It is simply impossible for the Mugwumps to establish life tenure in this country. No free people will submit to an official aristocracy.

THEIR SUPPORT HURTS.

The election figures given out by the Secretary of State show that Justice Brady polled 361,781 votes in the State. The vote for Stephens for Governor was 351,062 votes. In other words, Mr. Stephens polled 9,719 more votes than Justice Brady.

These figures are interesting. Judge Brady is one of the strongest and most popular Democrats in the State. His support of the Supreme Court has been so satisfactory that it was generally regarded as entitling him to nomination and re-election. This feeling was shown by the handsome vote for his nomination in the Jefferson City Convention.

The only drawback that Judge Brady could possibly have had with the voters of the State was that he was also nominated by the Boltocrats at their St. Louis convention.

Although he publicly protested against this nomination and announced that he stood squarely upon the regular Democratic platform, the Boltocrat nomination hurt him to the extent of nearly 10,000 votes.

Col. Stephens escaped this handicap. The Boltocrats nominated a candidate against him, who made an energetic canvass of the State. Col. Stephens was the object of their especial hostility. Their work was largely directed against him, and they confidently predicted his defeat, even should Bryan carry Missouri by 40,000 plurality. Col. Stephens came out of the head of his ticket.

The election returns show one thing conclusively. Even the strongest Democratic candidate is hurt by the support of the Boltocrats. On the other hand their opposition is a great help. Missouri candidates who want to succeed will hereafter earnestly court the hostility of the Boltocrats and will as earnestly shun their indorsement.

A FOOLISH YARN.

The following letter shows how gullible some people are, even after a long experience with canards:

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch:

I noticed in to-day's Chronicle that the gossips have slated you for Excise Commissioner under the new State administration. I don't believe there is any truth in this for I do not think any man who has been born in America would be fit to hold it if it were offered him. He is not a candidate for any public office. His views in this respect have been clearly made known.

The power he has is not that about to be.

His contract with Mr. Pulitzer and the Pulitzer Publishing Co. forbids his accepting any public office, and even if it did not, he has no right to do so.

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Another of Mr. Wilson Barrett's sons has arranged to try his fortunes in the colonies. Mr. Alfred Barrett, who for the last two years or so lived in Paris, has left with his wife and child for New Zealand, where he means to devote himself to farming. He was originally intended for the medical profession, but went into journalism, and at one time managed the Leeds Grand Theatre for his father.

Alonso Robbins, Ph. D., of Philadelphia, whose death is announced, was regarded as the type of the American continental policy.

He was the first member of the State Pharmaceutical Examining Board appointed by Gov. Beaver in 1887. Gov. Patterson in 1888 reappointed him to the same position, which he filled until the close of the April examinations in 1888, when, because of greatly impaired health, he resigned. He rendered valuable assistance in the framing of the pharmaceutical laws of Pennsylvania.

WOMEN OF NOTE.

Gladstone's little grand-daughter, Dorothy Drew, never wears shoes and stockings at all, either in the house or out of doors, except in town.

The statue of Harriet Beecher Stowe to be erected in Hartford, Conn., will be the third statue to women in this country. The first one is in New Orleans to a woman who was a heroine during a fearful epidemic there. The other is of Emma Willard, and stands in Troy, N. Y.

The Austrian Countess Hohenau wears a novel riding costume. It consists of wide corduroy knickerbockers, with leather leggings, a silk shirt waist, and a morocco belt, with a long frock coat of cloth and a jockey cap. Thus equipped, she sits astride of her horse.

Mme. Virginie Demont-Breton, who is the only woman painter honored with the cross of the Legion of Honor since Rosa Bonheur.

She has devoted herself especially to pictures of child life. She is a daughter of Jules Breton, the famous French artist, whose pictures recall Millet, and is the wife of another artist.

Mme. Therese Vianzone, one of the most celebrated women of Russia, who at present is in Paris, has just published a picture book dealing with the collection of the Count and Countess Vianzone's recent visit to France.

The Figaro of Paris says concerning the volume: "It is a series of letters in vivid style, full of life and delicate observation, very interesting to read, especially after the lifeless details given by the press."

No doubt offenders in Nebraska will be delighted to be prosecuted by County Attorney Estelle Mae Davison.

Now that Mr. McKinley is elected we may see Kansas town lots worth 30 cents apiece go up to 35 or 40.

The many calls for moderate tariff legislation after the election of a high tariff President are ominous.

What weight will President Bus put on the bad members of the School Board to hold them down?

The city limit is no trocha for train robbers.

Cleveland and the Trusts.

From the Cincinnati Enquirer:

The President's dissertation on trusts and monopolies is absurd and ridiculous. He is the darling product of the trusts. He is one of their chief assets. They have been made bolder by his companionship. If he has pleaded for free coal against the wishes of the Coal Trust, it was to favor his friends, who owned coal fields in Nova Scotia. But the Gold Trust has been the apple of his eye. He has been able to seem virtuous by opposing the trusts to which he was hostile, while showering bounties on them in which he felt an interest. He has been one of those described in Hudibras, who "Atoned for sins they have a mind to."

By damning those they're not inclined to."

It is possible that the ambitious Wamaker has frightened Boss Quay into opposition to a wealthy governing class.

The heavy contributor to campaign funds is probably certain to want to govern something after the election.

The bargain is that Foraker is to be a factor for not opposing McKinley.

The Ohio people don't count. The offices are divided among the office-seekers without reference to the public's wishes or the public welfare.

The big mogul engine with the detectives "plunged into the inky blackness" after the endangered train had reached Union Station, and then it plunged back again.

The Post-Dispatch advertisers are getting the greatest part of the holiday custom because the Post-Dispatch's circulation is so much larger than that of its local contemporaries.

The Louisville Critic proclaims that Jo Blackman is certain to be Senator again.

It would be a great victory for the Senator, as the fight against him has been long and determined.

With Boss Quay arraying himself against organized wealth and Boss Filley on the verge of the Civic Federation isn't the millennium about to wave purple wings?

The Massachusetts burglar dexterously "burgle." He stands on a house and fires into

Leonard Clahanan.

THE MEDIUM FOR THE MASSES:

The magic of her pleasing voice Had charmed my heart away;

My soul entreated her to stay,

And I dreamt of the play.

It bathed in realms where truth and grace

And love are; We are long;

I am in face; I am;

I only hear;

The words Of passion;

Or truth;

The song;

Through every sense

Singing blood,

So sweet,

Singing scenes great;

Singing voices; Not could my brain,

In power anew,

Singing of the main;

Singing of you,

Washington Star.

THE MEDIUM FOR THE MASSES:

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

JEPPESEN & CO., Dec. 10.—The Populist

Record from Casson, O., and Senator Ab-

son of Iowa will be Secretary of State in

McKinley's Cabinet. This may be set down

as a political fact, though it is not

formally agreed.

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Record, wife of Charles W. Green,

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CITY NEWS.

If Properly Oxygenated
The heart, by 100,000 beats, sends through the body nearly eight tons of blood every day—a host of diseases insinuate to prevent Iron and manganese at all oxygen and carry it to the lungs. Therefore the safest, surest remedy to make pure blood is SILSBEE'S PEPTONIZED IRON AND MANGAN. Endorsed by doctors and sold by druggists at 75c.

A TRAINER TURNED TRAITOR.

HE TELLS OF THE DEAL TO STEAL
THE SHARKEY FIGHT.

THE GANG WAS DEAD BROKE.

A Mass of Corruption Being Stirred
Up by Investigation—Teddy Hale's
Wonderful Riding—General Sport

The only conclusion that can be arrived at regarding the Sharkey-Fitzsimmons fight is that the whole affair is rotten throughout, and that neither side ever expected or tried to win on legitimate lines.

It was a case of "fix" from the start to the finish, and needed to have resolved itself more or less on the question of jury or no jury lying, in which the highest bidder gets the choice of testimony made to order. The \$10,000 check is said to be in court pending the decision of an injunction suit. The Superior Court is hearing testimony from both sides, with a view to deciding which side shall get the \$10,000 in question. It has not been definitely stated as yet whether the suit will be decided in the time of deciding a prize fight or not. Regardless of the attitude of the court toward prize fighting, it seems to me that there is no unsavory testimony from those who were most closely identified with the fight.

As far as I am concerned, Smith took the stand and testifies he was in the Sharkey's stable, Lynch, Sharkey's backer, in speaking to him on the referred question, asked him if he knew Hirsh Co., and Hirsh said "I talk to business to him." Smith admitted that he did not, and Lynch afterwards characterized him as a "rascal."

On the evening of the fight, Smith says that Sharkey told him Earl had been chosen to referee, and that he was to be the referee. Fitzsimmons protested at the ringside that the bandages on Sharkey's hands, Smith says, Earl was to Sharkey's corner and said "Get off them now. It won't be right anyhow."

Testifying for the State, positively that Sharkey was knocked down in the eighth round, Lynch stooped over and said: "Lie down; hold your hand on your grain and I'll give you a good chance." He well knew that Sharkey did with dramatic effect. He did it so well that it may justly be termed "acting." Corbett as an actor as well as a prize-fighter.

Smith and George Allen, and other trainees, testify that they were present at the foul blow, and witnessed with a hypodermic syringe after Sharkey left the ring and was safe in his room under Mr. Lynch.

These are a few of the facts or statements of alleged facts developed on one side of the case. The other side, of course, is that Sharkey would stay six rounds. This Fitzsimmons denies most positively, and I think he did not win on the result of the fight.

In the meantime, attachments and garnishments are being placed at Sharkey's and Lynch's. One morning after "Fix" for an old claim of \$504.40 belonging to Jimmy Carroll, Lynch is being pursued for \$1400.00, and the two men are held up at A. J. Venable of New York. Both men assert that they have not a thing to do with the world outside of boxing. It appears that they are about the same, so it seems they are all hard enough up to go into any old job to make money.

The injunction case is still before the court.

ALLEN TALKS.

He Says Sharkey Was Fairly Whipped
by "Fix."

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 10.—In the Fitzsimmons-Sharkey conspiracy trial today George Allen, assistant trainer for Sharkey, testified that he had been present when the two men knocked Sharkey out completely.

Fitzsimmons made no foul and as one of Sharkey's seconds he claimed none, but after Sharkey was knocked out, witness jumped into the ring and waved a towel as a token of surrender.

Witness said he and Billy Smith carried Sharkey into the dressing-room. Sharkey was limp and groaning, but the only marks of the fight were on his face. He said nothing about a foul blow, and when witness examined him there was no mark on his groin, which looked just the same as usual.

Sharkey was then dressed by witness and Billy Smith and taken to his hotel. Witness said that no marks on his groin were visible until after Dr. Lee was closest with Sharkey. After the doctor left witness said that Sharkey's nose was then covered with blood-stained cloths.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 10.—Harry Corbett is in receipt of a long telegram from Jim Corbett authorizing him to make every effort to get on a match with Fitzsimmons and the rest, Harry Corbett put out the following:

"Corbett, meet Fitzsimmons before the New Year's Day, five to twenty rounds and for a side bet of from \$1,000 to \$10,000, and for any purpose offered. The size of the bet will depend upon the amount of his share of misfortunes, had to cook his own meals to-day, his trainer having left him. He is looking and feeling badly. The

Sea Island Muslin.	Bed Ticking.	Veilings.	Lace Remnants.	Fine Flannelettes.	Fancy Eiderdown.	Boys' Neckwear.	Fascinators.	Fleeced Blankets.	Irish Point Squares.
Mill ends of very fine quality, per yard.....	Blue and White striped Bed Ticking, per yard, Friday, per yard.....	Black, Brown, Red, etc., Veilings, per Friday, per yard.....	Lace and Embroidery Remnants, in 1 to 5 yard pieces, all kinds and patterns worth up to 20c yd. per Friday, per yard.....	Mill ends of extra good quality—dark and medium colors, splendid velvets at 20c yd. per Friday, per yard.....	Mill ends of extra heavy double-faced German Lace, all kinds and patterns, worth 20c yd. per Friday, per yard.....	We have a large and beautiful stock of Boys' Wristbands and Ready-Made Boys, in all the latest styles, worth 20c yd. per Friday, per yard.....	Hand-Made Ice Wool and Zephyr Fascinators, in black and white, worth 20c each, choice Friday.	32x32 inches, elaborate openwork patterns, worth up to \$1.75, Our Price.....	32x32 inches, elaborate openwork patterns, worth up to \$1.75, Our Price.....

Dress Goods.

The Finest of Fabrics at the Lowest Prices...

Black English Check Boucle, 44 inches wide, genuine mohair, the usual price 27c. Our Friday Price—27c.

Ladies' Cloth—52 inch, strictly all suiting—also 45 inch wide, and all pure wool TWO-TONED and IRIDESCENT CHECK SUITINGS. These are worth \$35c Friday.

Sarah Serge—44 inch, pure wool, 100% silk, 52 inch, BLACK MOSS CLOTH—large and medium sizes. BLACK CLOTH—52 inch, pure wool. These are worth 50c per yard, but on Friday you may have a choice of the three at only—per yard.....

Basement Specials

For Friday.

Ladies' Jacket—Milk silk, cut, or plain Boucle, good weight, with extra wide facing, the usual price would be at \$6.00, per yard, Our Price.....

Jackets—Nearest Jersey, Pennsylvania and French, soups are made of silk, many are worth \$7.50, and some are \$10.00, per yard, Our Price, each.....

French Cambrie—wide, best quality and soft finish, a silk well worth 20c a yard, on Friday, per yard.....

Unbleached Sheetings—Milk ends of a splendid quality of both 20c and 30c yards, and easily worth 20c a yard, 15c per yard.....

Ladies' Jacket—of two-toned Milk silk, in newest combination of colors, lined throughout with heavy Silk Brocade, cloth band with rows of stitching, Our Price, each.....

\$10.00.

Kid Gloves for Christmas.

We bought from C. & A. Anfante & Co., of New York, one of the largest importers of Kid gloves in the country, two immense lots of Kid gloves at almost our cost, and will place them on sale Friday.

Lot 1—Ladies' Extra Fine Real French Kid Gloves—52 inch, with 5-holes. Foster facing on fingers, with 5-holes, black and brown only—in the regular way Friday.....

Lot 2—Ladies' Zette Real French Kid Gloves—with 1 clasp—in black and latest shades of brown—especially worth \$1.00 per pair.....

85c.

Upholstery Dept.

On SECOND FLOOR.

China Silk Scarfs—Large sizes and in beautiful shades, suitable for trimming pictures, hats, chair backs, etc., etc.

Mantel Scarfs—Of genuine Mantel Scarfs—Japanese Tinsel Crepe, in various patterns and with small embroidery.

Hoods—Embrodered Hoods—In cream color only.

Roses—Silk and Velvet Roses—In all shades—worth 1c for bunch of 3, our price, per bunch.

Ribbons—For Holiday Work—in all shades and prettiest shades and colors. Fancy Stripe Ribbons—worth 1c, per yard.

On FIRS FLOOR.

German Henriettes—Finest quality, 21 twill, 46 inches wide, in all the evening shades, such as nile green, pink, lavender, rose, orange, light blue, yellow and white, regularly sold at 39c per yard, Our Price, per yard.....

39c.

Sideboard Scarfs

With hand-made work open: 1c, 2c, and 2½ yards long; all made of fine extra wide Satin Damask and well worth \$1.75 to \$2 each, Our Price, per yard.....

98c.

Fancy Neckwear

A sample lot of fancy collars and ideal lace, trimmed with chiffon and Honiton lace, also latest shade yokes, worth up to \$1.25, Friday Price, each.....

59c.

Children's Cloaks

(Ages 1 to 4 years)

White Wool Striped Eiderdown and Bonnet Cloaks, trimmed with Angora fur, in blue, brown, green and cardinal, worth up to \$3.00 each, Friday.

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Leave the appointment to W. Greer Harrington and Maj. McLaughlin.

HALE HOLDS HIS LEAD.

The Thousand-Mile Mark Passed Last Night.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—Teddy Hale was still in the lead-to-day in the international contest of the other contestants, with little room to go.

Rice, who had been crowding the Irishman pretty hard, had fallen back to third man, Forster going to second. Next came Scheck, who had been doing very steady work during the preceding thirty-six hours. Taylor, Reading and Moore were not very far behind him and the others struggled along down to the wire.

At 9 o'clock

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

The Season Extended by a Series of Games.

At the regular weekly meeting of the Association Football League it was decided to extend the schedule of fixtures to include all three out of the race. Hale refuses this prophecy by the ease and smoothness with which he has run away with the race.

On the first game between the Christian Brothers and Jokers-St. Gemma, Hale was left to an investigating committee, was called a draw, giving each team one point.

The Diesels had a great advantage, defeating the Saints in their last game by a score of 11 to 1, but the St. Teresas had a strong start in the first meeting and promise to return the compliment next Sunday. The Diesels have also strengthened by the addition of Joe Nolan, in fact, forward, who has been playing remarkably weak. They say that Big Joe played a marvel game against the College of St. Ursula, Sunday, and was one of the seven goals that were placed to the Diesels' credit.

The Chicago Thistles went to Detroit Thanksgiving day and played a draw with the eleven of that city, each team scoring one goal.

The St. Teresas are without rivals in their positions, and they will play the game of their lives next Sunday.

Manager Wilson of the Diesels and Carroll of the St. Teresas say in all probability their teams will line up as follows:

Die—Kane, Daly, Joe Nolan, McCarthy and Conroy, forward; Guerin, Sherry and McKeown, Kavanagh and O'Leahy, forwards; Robinson, Moynihan and Kavanagh, full-backs; Geo. Redmon, goal.

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No flimsy Ribbon—only the best Heavy All-Silk Ribbon—and worth more than double the price we ask.

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Parma Violets, per bunch 2c
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THE HORSE WAS BUSY.

Threw Young Turner and Powed Off Kaufman's Ear.

A horse ridden by Edward Turner, a colored boy of 18 years, living at 223 Convent street, took flight at Twenty-first and Gratiot streets Wednesday morning and ran away.

Turner was thrown off and sustained a fracture of his left arm and severe internal injuries.

The horse continued its mad flight, and a few blocks distant knocked down Henry Kaufman of 886 North Twenty-second street.

One of the animal's hoofs struck Kaufman on the side of the head, tearing off his right ear. He sustained other painful but not dangerous injuries.

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From 10 to 3

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They are slightly off color, but that don't hurt them.

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Bring the Exact Change.

We will not try them on or make change, so if you want this bargain bring

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We never had so many

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Before. Our store is full of them, and the prices are

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1,000 Kid Boddy Dolls, 18 to 24 inches high, dressed in French blouse head, long flowing hair, worth \$1.50 and \$1.75. Choice Friday 98c

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421 NORTH BROADWAY**To-Morrow, Friday.....**

Will be the Banner Bargain Day of the year at our Store. Bargains for everybody!

75c Kid Gloves 75c

We Lead in Low Prices on Kid Gloves.

We will place on sale for Friday and Saturday an immense purchase of C. A. Aufmordt & Co., 33 and 35 Greene St., New York, one of the largest importers of Kid Gloves in America, bought at 50c on the dollar, Ladies' 4-button and 5 and 7 Foster hook Finest French Kid Gloves, colors Tans, Black, Brown, Red and White.

These Gloves have never been sold for less than \$1.50 pair.

Every pair warranted and fitted to the hand Friday for PER PAIR

Great Sale Friday of Ladies' and Gents' Umbrellas.

500 Ladies' and Gents' Silk Serge, Silk Carola and Taffeta Silk Umbrellas, steel rod, cover and tassel, natural loop and crook handles, sterling silver trimmed; would be cheap at \$4.00. Special for Friday \$2.98

750 Ladies' and Gents' Taffeta Silk and Silk Carola Umbrellas, with natural loop and crook silver-trimmed fancy Dresden and Ivory handles, steel rod, cover and tassel, sold by other houses for \$5.00. Choice Friday for \$3.48

Cloaks, Suits and Furs...

At almost your own price. We have cut the prices on these goods to less than one-half actual wholesale prices. We must get rid of the stock, as we have a great deal too many. Take advantage of this sale.

Ladies' Jackets.

A lot of All-wool Beaver Jackets, in black only, made with new high button neck, large buttons, new sleeves, all sizes; former price \$7.50 \$3.00

Plush Capes.

A lot of Fancy lined Plush Capes, richly beaded and braided, full wide sweep, thibet fur trimming; regular price \$11.50 \$5.95

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A lot of Tailor-made Suits, black, blue and fancy mixtures, for former prices \$8.50 to \$11.50 \$3.95

All our Tailor-made Suits that sold up to \$15.00; in this sale \$6.50

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A lot of Figured Mohair Skirts, all lined, 4 yards wide, worth \$2.75 95c

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XMAS WAISTS.

Children's Angora Fur Sets, muff and collar, regular price \$2.00 98c

Child's Natural Lynx Sets, muff and collar, worth \$1.50 69c

Child's Fancy Angora sets, neck scarf, with head and hand muff, worth \$2.50 98c

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Fancy Neck Scarfs and Muffs at Half Furriers' Prices.

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We have the prettiest line of Metal Toy Furniture and Novelties ever shown in this city. It is something entirely new, being finished in enamel lacquer of different colors and handsomely upholstered and trimmed. Must be seen to be appreciated. Not expensive.



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At the present time they say the building is nearly paid for and there is no need for an increased revenue.

WRITTEN STATEMENTS.

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PAINTER—Practical painter and grainer; work by the day or job; can give refs. Ad. W 158, this office.

STENOGRAF—Young man, stenographer, understanding bookkeeping and desiring of being employed; good refs.; experience. Ad. G 170, this office.

WATCHMAN—Wanted, situation by experienced man as private watchman where robbers and thieves are plentiful. H. Schrader, 3075 S. Broadway, New York.

WATCHMAKER—Wishes position; own shop; Ad. Watchmaker, La Salle House, La Salle, Ill.

\$10.00 UP—Suits and overcoats to order. Messrs Tailors Co., 8th and Olive.

\$2.50 UP—Pants to order. Morris Tailoring Co., 8th and Olive.

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BOY—Wanted boy taught shorthand, book-keeping, etc. In exchange for services. 1625 Locust st., second floor.

BOY—Wanted—Good steady boy to sell papers at branch offices. No. 2, 16th st.

BARBER WANTED—A barber with tools. 106 N. 14th st.

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SUBSTANTIAL XMAS PRESENTS.

Choice Real Estate Investments That as a Gift Would Bring Joy to the Heart of a Wife, Son or Daughter.

A FEW SPECIAL BARGAINS

Good 6 room houses, lots 25x160, on Odell av., west of Tower Grove Park and one block of electric cars; \$1,500 will buy one if sold quick; little cash required.

A lot, 80x150, in beautiful Compton Heights at \$12 per foot, well marked with trees.

50x100 houses, av. 2 blocks west of Grand; also, 100 feet and 50 feet on Botanical av. (street now paved); \$10 per foot, cash down, and save interest.

Also some nice and cheap farms in Missouri and Illinois for sale or trade for city property.

ANDERSON-WADE REALTY CO.

8th and Locust sts.

1806 HICKORY ST.

We are authorized to sell at the first reasonable price the substantial South Side house, No. 1806 Hickory st., a large two-story stone front containing 10 rooms and a central hall.

There is no room for expansion, but there is a lot, 80x150, which is less than was bid at the close yesterday. It fluctuated for a time between \$800 and \$850, and then rallied and sold up to \$850. Here it weakened and sold down to \$800, but just before closing it went up again to \$850.

Spot Grades—On call there were nothing done, but regular, which was offered at regular price, and \$800 was bid Farmers' and East side. No. 2 hard was offered at \$800, and \$850 at 100 ft. from St. Louis, with \$850 bid. East elevator, Farmers' and Advances. No. 3 wheat was not offered, but \$800 was bid. Wheat was \$800, and \$850 was bid.

Spot Wheat—Wheat was steady, but offerings light. No. 2 red sold by sample East track at \$800, and on this side, by samples, sales were made at \$800. No. 2 red sold by sample West track at \$800.

The closing cables were: Liverpool—Spot wheat firm: farmers' \$800; advances \$850. Frank-Wheatside, \$850; wheat lower. Antwerp—Wheat 12¢c lower. Liverpool—Wheat 12¢c lower.

During the latter part of the day the market moved steadily upward, but the wheat selling down to \$875, and was weak at that point.

The close was weak at nearly the lowest point for the day, but the market then closed at \$875, closed at \$875. Md. Wheat was offered at 90¢c and closed at \$875 nominal.

There was little life in this option, but the market was steady. Cables were lower, but the Price was higher. The market was weak, but the wheat was heavy, to-day's receipts at St. Louis being offered to buy, with \$850 bid for a good crop. Of to-day, 100 ft. from St. Louis, \$850 was compared with 244 sacks and 34 care local a year ago.

The market was steady on the basis of grades, but the market demand and trading in futures was light.

December corn was entirely hedged, but May opened at 21¢c regular, and closed at 21¢c. No. 2 yellow was not asked at yesterday's close. Late it sold at 23¢c, and then at 23¢c, where it stood.

Spot Grades—On call No. 2 mixed corn was offered at 21¢c regular, and closed at 21¢c. No. 2 yellow was not offered, but 21¢c was bid regular. No. 3 white corn was not offered, but 20¢c was bid. No. 4 mixed corn sold at 18¢c regular.

After the day's trading, the market was very light. No. 2 mixed corn (elevator) sold at 22¢c East track, and this side it was the same. No. 3 white corn was offered at 20¢c regular, and this side was worth the same.

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MR. MILNER WINS WITH HANDS DOWN.

THE DELEGATES WERE FORCED TO COME TO HIS TERMS.

TOWN TO GET CROSS-WALKS.

The Commissioner Says That Limestone Is No Good, So We Are to Have Bricks.

The action of the House of Delegates in considering and passing the bill providing for the appropriation of \$3,000 for cross-walks, has terminated a war over paving material between Street Commissioner A. N. Milner and certain of the delegates.

The delegates have surrendered and the people will get crosswalks. If the delegates had maintained their position the people would have got no more crosswalks this winter.

Mr. Milner believes in putting down crosswalks which will last, granite, granite and brick will last. Granite is too expensive and granite is not easy to repair. Brick is medium in cost, and it is easy to repair. Mr. Milner therefore favors brick.

When Mr. Milner's assistant drew up the ordinance it provided for \$2,000 worth of limestone crosswalks and \$1,000 worth of brick crosswalks. Mr. Milner had it changed so that he could draw up a new one for \$3,000 worth of brick crosswalks.

The Board of Public Improvements recommended the change and it went to the House of Delegates. It was referred to the Committee on Public Improvements. Mr. Beeson, chairman of the committee, voted for bricks, but several members represent wards in which are located limestone quarries and they reported that the limestone had fared well.

That was when the war began. Mr. Milner told the members he would see them in his office at 10 a.m. on Friday, the first quarry before he would submit an ordinance providing for the use of a material less expensive than brick. The limestone delegates gasped.

"If you people don't want any crosswalks, I say to hell with them," said Mr. Milner. "I am not going to recommend limestone cross-walks, we depend on that." The limestone delegates responded again, and the two constituents wanted cross-walks. Their constituents had voted them and they outnumbered the quarry voters.

The limestone delegates did some deep thinking. The ordinance was called up for reconsideration and passed with only two dissenting votes.

Now Commissioner Milner sits in his big arm chair and smokes his pipe. "I am glad that the crosswalks should be paid by the property-owners he would not say a word, but, as long as the city has to pay, I am not going to see that he gets something for his money."

"I am not using my position for a stepping stone to a second term or something equally good," he says. "I am going to do my duty to the city, and if I go out of office with the displeasure of all the Delegates and the public, I don't mind. I may have any trouble in getting another job. The Delegates are not going to use me to set up the next man in the running for mayor."

"I will never give my consent to the laying of any limestone crosswalks. It is much easier to lay a brick walk than a walk around through town and see the miles and miles of crumbling limestone curbs and gutters. I am sorry, but I am not going to take it up. We really do it with a pitchfork. It makes first-class macadam."

"I am glad that the House of Delegates recognized the action of the constituents and the limestone crosswalks are hardly needed. If they had insisted on limestone there would have been no crosswalks laid between now and the end of my term."

TICKET SWINDLER ARRESTED.

L. F. Sharden Held for Obtaining Ministers' Half Rates.

Rev. Louis Francis Sharden, alias L. F. Sharden, alias L. F. Charder, is under arrest in Columbus, Kan., and he will be brought to St. Louis to answer a charge of obtaining half rate certificates from railroads by falsely representing himself to be a minister.

It is alleged that since 1894, Sharden has been defrauding railroads by obtaining certificates and selling them to ticket brokers. His present appearance has not been found no trouble in making himself off as a clergyman.

On Jan. 5, 1895, he was arrested in Chicago for defrauding the railroads and was sentenced to three months' imprisonment in the County Jail. On his release he went to Kansas City and disappeared.

Two weeks ago he came to St. Louis and obtained board at 1728 Washington avenue, where he is now a son of a Presbyterian minister at Lexington, Ky., according to the railroads for ministers' certificates he made the mistake of using two different names in his correspondence with one official.

Private detectives were on Sharden's trail and a warrant was obtained for him. He learned that fact before the paper was located in Columbus, Kan.

CITY'S RAKE-OFF IN COURT.

Laclede Gas Company Case for a Percentage Tried.

The right of the city to exact from the Laclede Gaslight Co. 5 per cent of its gross receipts for private electric lighting was argued before Judge Wood in the case of the city against the Laclede company to recover \$5,000.

In March, 1889, Charles A. Brown contracted to light the city north of Washington avenue by electricity. He agreed to do the work for the city at 5 per cent of the power to private persons and corporations.

In June, 1890, Brown assigned his contract to the Laclede Gaslight Co. The company gave the city the right to furnish electricity to any part of the city without restriction by the city and it refused to pay the 5 per cent. Then the city sued.

MELEYD IN A POOR-HOUSE.

Has Been Missing Since the Irish Convention in Chicago.

Patrick Meleyd, well-known in St. Louis as an Irish agitator who served a term in an English prison for a political offense, has been found after a year of mysterious absence. He is in the Cook County Poor-house to which he was admitted several months ago, suffering from exposure and excesses.

He went to Chicago to attend the convention in the "New Movement" Irish Convention. Meleyd is said to have recently fallen heir to an estate in Ireland.

BANDMASTER AT OUTS.

Attorney Weyl applied for a summons Wednesday last to his brother, Bandmaster Weyl, against Bandmaster Lamper, because Lamper thrashed Weyl in the street across over a contract dispute. The troublous arose over a contract between the firm for the Travelling Men's Sound Money Club and Lamper, who was a contractor and another made with Weyl. Then Lamper is said to have sought revenge.

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